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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GEORGE ET AL.

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For: MULTI-LAYERED SEALANT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 14, 2003, Applicants request further examination in light of the following remarks, which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

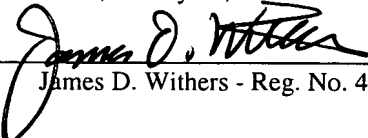
Claims 11-30 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters:

Premature Final Rejection

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action as being premature. On page 4, lines 15-20, the Office Action states

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 14, 2003.


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